

Broncos lose tourney by one point

Meadow didn't win a tournament they hosted this weekend, but came literally a point away.

The Broncos suffered a devastating 45-46 Bovina loss Saturday night in the championship round of their home tourney after landing an 83-27 win over Cotton Center Thursday followed by 66-37 victory Friday against Kingdom Preparatory Academy.

The Broncos maintained a small lead over the Mustangs through most of that trophy-determining round with quarterly advantages of 14-12, 24-17 and 36-31, but were somehow down by four in the final seconds when their opponents' free throws sank and theirs didn't. They brought the score up to a point behind with eight seconds left on the clock, but unfortunately couldn't land their rebound attempts in the

next seven.

Head Coach Kyle Johnson said that despite a few mistakes and missed free throws, he was proud of the Broncos' efforts.

"I thought the kids played hard, and I liked how they fought at the end of the game to give themselves a chance to win," he said. "We played well - probably the best we've played all season. We're back to playing Meadow basketball the way we're supposed to do."

Scorers included Christian Herrera 0-3 1-2 10, Trey Herrera 4-0 0-3 8, Brandon Flores 3-0 1-2 7, Zach England 2-0 2-4 6, Mason Davila 1-0 4-4 6, Rafael Urias 1-1 5, Adrian Flores 1-0 2 and Alan Estrada 1-0 2.

The Lady Broncos wrapped up the tournament with a close loss of their own, 39-40 to upcoming

district opponents Southland.

They were barely ahead of the Lady Eagles going into the final quarter, but fell behind the last couple minutes. Freshman Lexy Silva scored more than half the Lady Broncos' points, including a three-pointer and six out of 10 free-throw attempts. Reina Garza followed with 6 points.

Early in the tournament, Brandon Flores led the Kingdom Prep game with 20 points, followed by Christian Herrera with 17.

The Lady Broncos lost 39-47 to Kingdom Prep Friday afternoon.

As of press time Tuesday night, the Broncos were set to play in Amherst and the Lady Broncos were heading to Southland to open district season with a rematch against the Lady Eagles.



Meadow's Reina Garza struggles with a defending Lady Eagle. The Lady Broncos suffered a narrow loss to Southland Saturday morning in the final round of a tournament they hosted last weekend.

Lady 'Cats lose in Whitharral

Wellman-Union's pack of Lady Wildcats suffered losses in last weekend's Whitharral tournament against Seagraves, Whiteface and Whitharral.

They opened the competition with a 68-26 loss to the tournament hosts, despite a fairly-even first half. Breck Faught had 10 points.

"We came out in the first quarter and played well, (and) then Whitharral flexed their muscles and won the second half of the game," said Coach Todd Ellis.

They suffered a similar fate in the second round with a 37-39 defeat to the Whiteface. They were tied with the Lady Antelopes 19-19 at halftime, but fell a basket behind in the third quarter and couldn't recover in the fourth. Rosa Olivas scored 14 points.

They wrapped up the tournament Saturday with a 27-51 early-morning loss to Seagraves, trailing the Lady Eagles pretty much the entire game. Olivas scored 10 points.

"Getting up very early and playing a 9 a.m. game took its toll on the girls," Ellis said. "Seagraves played well, but the team seemed tired and we lost that game as well."

Now 2-9 for the season, the Lady 'Cats were set to open district season in Borden County Tuesday night as the *News* was going to press. They will be back at home Friday against Loop, while the boys team will host Whitharral.

"The tournament was a good test for us," Ellis said. "I think it will help us in preparation for district. The girls are still in a positive mood and want to try

to get better."

Wellman-Union's junior high boys squad recently lost 52-13 to Dawson. Hunter Neill led with six points.

"There have been small goals I wanted to team to reach, and they have accomplished them," said Coach Isaac Martinez. "We are steadily improving and as for right now, that is important. We are aiming to be a competitive team at some point this season."

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